

**REMARKS**

Claims 5-7 and 12-14 are pending and have been amended. Claims 2 and 9 have been cancelled. Support for the amendments can be found in the cancelled claims and in paragraphs [0055], [0058], [0059], and [0083] of the published application. No new matter has been added.

Claims 2, 5-7, 9, and 12-14 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) on Sato (US 6,982,811). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 5 is directed to a data processing apparatus that includes an attribute discriminator configured to discriminate an attribute of inputted job data and a controller. The controller sets a size of the block of the data to be compressed by a compressor to a size of the page unit when discriminated that the attribute of the data is monochrome and sets the size of the block of the data to be compressed by the compressor to a size of a divisional unit obtained by dividing the size of the page unit by plural numbers when discriminated that the attribute of the data is color.

Sato does not disclose or suggest a data processing apparatus including an attribute discriminator and a controller, as claimed. The Examiner asserts that Sato discloses the controller because an S-TIFF file format can be selected for a monochrome image and a PDF file format can be selected for a color image. Applicants respectfully disagree. First, there is no indication in Sato that the size of the block of the data to be compressed by a compressor is set to a size of a divisional unit obtained by dividing the size of a page unit by plural numbers, as claimed. Rather, Sato's Fig. 5 merely indicates that the PDF file includes multiple images. There is no disclosure that the images correspond to a divisional unit obtained by dividing the size of a page unit by plural numbers. Second, Sato does not disclose or suggest setting the size of the block of the data to be compressed based on a discrimination result of an attribute discriminator, as claimed. While Sato's step S15004 of Fig. 15 discloses acquiring attribute information, Sato does not disclose or suggest using that attribute information to set the size of the block of the data to be compressed. Accordingly, Sato does not disclose or suggest the invention defined by claim 5. For similar

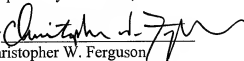
reasons, Sato also does not disclose or suggest the invention defined by independent claims 6 and 7 as these claims merely change what the claimed attribute of the data represents.

In view of the above, claims 5-7 are allowable. Claims 12-14 are allowable for similar reasons. Therefore, this application is in condition for allowance. Applicants request that the Examiner withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and pass this application to issue. If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to **Deposit Account No. 03-1952** referencing docket no. **325772034800**.

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